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26 April 1955

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 26 April 1955

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
*Presiding

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
*Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission
Representative to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT



* Part of meeting

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Mr. Philip J. Farley, Department of State
Mr. Howard E. Furnas, Department of State
Lieutenant Colonel V. J. Fenili, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman, Department of the Army
Mr. George W. Allen, Department of the Army
Mr. John K. Rouleau, Department of the Army
Captain Bruce E. Wiggin, Department of the Navy
Colonel P. D. Wynne, Jr., United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr., United States Air Force
Mr. Benjamin B. Weems, United States Air Force
Colonel Orin H. Moore, USAF, The Joint Staff
Colonel Robert Totten, USAF, The Joint Staff
Captain Poyntell C. Staley, Jr., USN, The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, Atomic Energy Commission
Mr. M. W. Kuhrtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation

NOTE: Only persons cleared for Restricted Data remained
for the consideration of NIE 11-2-55.

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1. Possible Developments
in South Vietnam
(NIE 63.1-2-55)

Certain sections of the estimate were reconsidered and changes made. (See IAC-M-193, 25 April 1955)

2. Approval of Minutes
12 April 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-191)
16 April 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-192)

Approved as written.

3. Post-Mortem of NIE
Production for the Period
1 July to 31 December 1954

a. Noted with suggestions for certain changes.

b. The Chairman proposed that a new procedure be adopted to provide for two kinds of review subsequent to the completion of an estimate:

(1) An immediate post-mortem on each estimate to record the intelligence deficiencies encountered by the estimators in its preparation. To be prepared by the interagency group that wrote the estimate.

(2) A review of each estimate after the lapse of an appropriate interval (usually within six months to a year) to study the validity of the estimate, i. e., how good the estimate was in the light of subsequent developments.

c. The proposed procedure was approved and the Secretary was instructed to incorporate it in the minutes.

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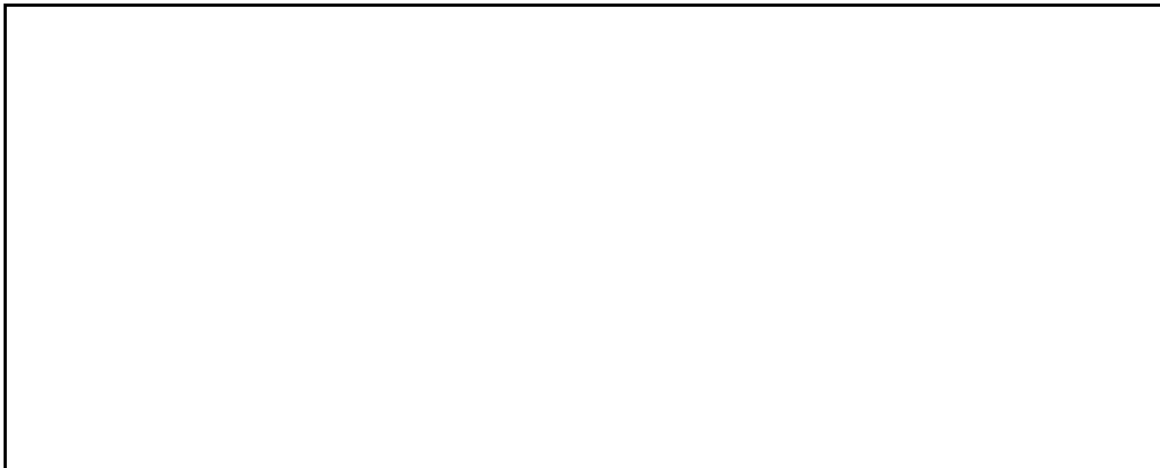
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4. Release of NIE 10-55
"Anti-Communist Resistance
Potential in the Sino-Soviet Bloc"
to Foreign Governments



6. Attache System

Several members commented on the intelligence value of the attache system and the losses to intelligence collection which result from any curtailment of attache personnel. The Chairman indicated that the attache system is of interest to him as DCI and to the Intelligence Community and that he would address a letter to the Secretary of Defense to this effect.

7. Soviet Atomic Program
(NIE 11-2-55, Restricted
Data, Limited Distribution)

a. The Chairman noted the commendable performance of the participating agencies in the production of this estimate and thanked the members for this cooperation.

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b. The estimate was approved, and the Chairman, JAEIC, was given editorial license to make minor changes in consultation with the members of JAEIC.

c. It was agreed that sanitized editions would be prepared by CIA in cooperation with AEC. These would be cleared with JAEIC members without necessity for further IAC action.

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e. Agreed that the text to be given general NIE dissemination would conform with the past practice of issuing a Top Secret summary text.

f. The Chairman informed the members of his prospective appearance before the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

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Secretary

Secretary's Note

1. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized the release to USIA of NIE 10-55 "Anti-Communist Resistance Potential in the Sino-Soviet Bloc." (IAC-M-191, Secretary's Note, item 2)

2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA NIE 63.1-2-55 "Possible Developments in South Vietnam." The Secretary does not propose to release NIE 11-2-55 "Soviet Atomic Program" to USIA. This matter will not be brought up at an IAC meeting except at the request of a member.

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